



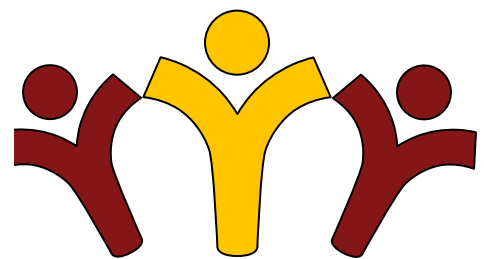
FAIRBANKS YOUTH ADVOCATES
132 10th Ave. (office mailing address)
138 10th Ave. (shelter address)
Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701
www.fairbanksyouthadvocates.org
info@fairbanksyouthadvocates.org
907.374.5678

We appreciate your continued support

Fairbanks Youth Advocates believes that providing assistance at critical times in the lives of young people is vital to their present and future well being.

Follow us at www.facebook.com/fairbanksyouthadvocates | twitter.com/fbxyouth

Fairbanks Youth Advocates is a 501c3 non-profit, governed by a board of directors. All contributions are tax deductible.



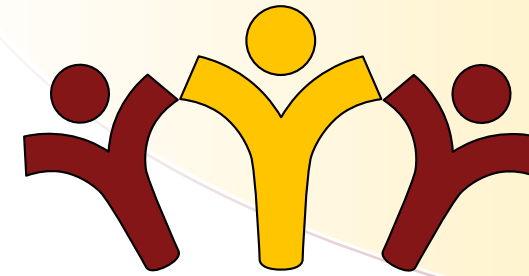
FAIRBANKS YOUTH ADVOCATES

Facilitating life transitions for at risk and vulnerable youth

the DOOR is Open!

24/7 Youth Shelter

We are licensed by the State of Alaska as a Residential Child Care Facility with a specialization in Emergency Shelter Care.



FAIRBANKS YOUTH ADVOCATES

Facilitating life transitions for at risk youth



Sleep out to support homeless youth!

Aaron's story

Aaron, 15, was dropped off on Farmer's Loop road after a family argument. He walked for two days not knowing what to do, then went to school. A friend told him about The Door. He came to us at 3:00pm, exhausted and asked, "Can I just go to sleep?" He went straight to bed, cocooned in a handmade quilt. As his story unfolded, he shared that he got along with one parent but didn't feel respected by the other.

When we began working with him to establish goals, he declared, "I'm going to stay here until I graduate." We've heard this response before, and though we try to create a home-like atmosphere—an emergency shelter doesn't replace family. One week turned into months and he was insistent to stay. We continued to encourage family contact, and slowly he began reconnecting; first a meal, then an activity, an afternoon, a weekend, and soon he was back home where he still is today.

Your financial donations make happy endings possible. Because of you, we are able to help youth like Aaron stay safe until they can reconnect with their families.

Our Annual Fundraiser

One Homeless Night is our annual fundraiser. Participants collect pledges to raise money for The Door, our emergency youth shelter. Last year, 55 people of all ages committed to sleeping out all night. They had fun constructing cardboard box shelters while learning about youth homelessness.



Friday, September 11, 2015

Consider sleeping out yourself or pledge to sponsor a participant. Together we can make a positive impact on our community. This year One Homeless Night will be held Friday, September 11, on a vacant lot near The Door on 10th Ave. Learn more about the event on our website.

Staying in School



As a former teacher, the cooling temperatures and change of seasons reminds me of the soon approaching school year. At The Door, our commitment to keep students in

school is one critical reason for our existence. For instance we realize continuity is important and we work closely with local schools so that kids staying here can continue to attend their home school. For example, a kid attending Randy Smith Middle School continues to do so

while staying at The Door. In addition, we can arrange for volunteer tutors and of course, our staff help with homework too.

Establishing a designated 'Homework Time' in conjunction with earlier bedtimes on school nights helps youth be better prepared. And that makes this former teacher, v-e-r-y happy!



~ do justly, love mercy, walk humbly

Maugel

Questions we are often asked about The Door



How many kids can stay at The Door?
We are licensed by the state of Alaska to house up to 12 kids at one time.

How long can kids stay at The Door?
Kids are welcome to stay as long as they need to. We work with the youth's family and community organizations to find long term solutions for kids.

Can anyone stay at the Door?
Any youth between the ages of 12 through 18 years old is welcome to come.

Do you supply food?
We have a DEC approved kitchen and we provide three meals a day along with snacks. Much of the food is donated by our generous community supporters.

Volunteer Voices

an interview with Will McLin

William McLin has been volunteering at The Door for 4 months. Will, a Supply Sergeant, has been in the army for 18 years and is from Brandon, Mississippi. He is an active member of True Victory Baptist Church.

What brought you here?

All kids have a gift, no matter what it is, they need positive adults to help bring it out of them. Everyone goes through hard times in life, sometimes kids just need someone to talk to and help them pinpoint what makes them special.

What were you hoping to get out of your experience here?

I was hoping to help some of the kids in the community, teach them things, share some of my experiences, and listen to their stories. Maybe they want to be in the military or go to college and get a degree.

Why is volunteering at The Door so important?

FYA provides a safe place for kids to get off the street. They get their basic needs met. It's one less worry for kids who have other problems to deal with.

Youth Voices

"Not every family is a good one, but that doesn't make you a bad person. It doesn't mean your life has to be terrible."

"When my mom threw me out, I didn't know where to go... I'm glad there's a place I can stay. I don't know where I'd be if I couldn't come here."



~ Will McLin, volunteer

Upcoming Events

Today: Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for frequent updates

Sept. 11, 2015: Our Annual Fundraiser! One Homeless Night



We are seeking to grow our Board, consider joining us. See our website for details.

Fairbanks Youth Advocates is a 501c3 non-profit, governed by a board of directors. All contributions are tax deductible.